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SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 69023-43093657@requests.muckrock.com

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Re: FEMA 2019-FEFO-00301 Final Response

Dear Mr. Kick:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), dated and received in this office on February 20, 2019. You requested a copy of FEMA's FOIA request log covering 2018, which includes a field showing the subject of each request and a field for the final disposition.

A search of FEMA's Information Management Division/Disclosure Office for documents responsive to your request produced a total of 117 pages. Of those pages, I have determined that 62 pages of the records are releasable in their entirety, and portions of the remaining 55 pages are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), FOIA exemption 6.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure of personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

You have the right to appeal if you disagree with FEMA's response. The procedure for administrative appeals is outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.8. In the event you wish to submit an appeal, we encourage you to both state the reason(s) you believe FEMA's initial determination on your FOIA request was erroneous in your correspondence, and include a copy of this letter with your appeal. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal within 90 days from the date of this letter to fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov, or alternatively, via mail at the following address:

FEMA
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
Information Management Division (FOIA Appeals)
500 C Street, SW, Seventh Floor, Mail Stop 3172
Washington, D.C. 20472-3172

As part of the 2007 amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road- OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
Telephone: 202-741-5770/Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448
Facsimile: 202-741-5769

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact us and refer to FOIA case number **FEMA 2019-FEFO-00301**. You may send an e-mail to fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov, call (202) 646-3323, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner.

Sincerely,

Pearlene Robinson
Acting Disclosure Branch Chief
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Mission Support

Enclosure(s): Response Documents (117 pages)